(c) The 9th Five Year Plan outlay is yet to be finalised and the targets are yet to be fixed.

Fencing of Indo-Pak Border

*246. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether fencing of border with Pakistan along Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Rajasthan and Gujarat has been completed;

(b) if not, the present position thereof, sector-wise;

(c) the obstacles being experienced in this regard;

(d) the action being taken in the matter; and

(e) by when this work is likely to be completed particularly in Jammu and Kashmir sector?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) to (e) The present position regarding fencing on Indo-Pak border is as under:—

PUNJAB

In Punjab, fencing/flood lighting work of 451 kms/465 kms. was started in May, 1988 and completed in November, 1993. The entire border, except certain gaps which could not be taken up due to being rivering/low lying area, was fenced/flood lit.

RAJASTHAN

Out of total border of 1035 Kms. fencing/flood lighting has been completed in 720 kms/739 kms. Further, fencing/ flood lighting along 312.60 kms. in Jaisalmer Sector has also been sanctioned. 145 kms. of this will be completed in Phase IV by 31.12.97, 131 kms in Phase V by 31.12.98 and remaining in Phase VI by 31.12.99.

GUJARAT

Due to sessonal inundation, no fencing in Rann area is possible. However, the feasibility studies for ditch-cum-bund and erecting modified type of border fencing suitable for such terrain are being carried out by CPWD and BSF. The Water Wing of BSF has been augmented by induction of speed boats, medium crafts etc. Proposal to augment Coast Guard's infrastructure to strengthen coastal patrolling and security all along the coast-lien is being processed by Ministry of Defence.

JAMMU

The question of the fencing of International Border in Jammu sector is under active consideration of the Govemment.

Construction of Missing Link of Darbhanga — Forbesganj Road

*247. DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that construction of Darbhanga-Forbesganj road as a part of lateral road project from Bareilly (U.P.) to Aminganj (Assam) for upgradation of National Highway included in the Bihar Development Package Programme was required to be taken up during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the status of the proposal at present; and

(c) whether Government had received communications from Members of Parliament about the urgency of the construction of Darbhanga-Forbesganj link road; and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) to (c) The State Govt, of Bihar had forwarded the proposal for declaration of Muzaffarpur-Darbhanga-Forbesganj-Purnea road as